

**Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to support the 2015 Gay Softball World Series on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners
(Economic Development & Planning) (\$15,000.00)**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners desires to help support GCSC's efforts to facilitate the 2015 North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) Gay Softball World Series to be held at Lou Berliner Park from August 14 through August 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the NAGAAA will garner nationwide exposure, employment opportunities, and direct economic impact for the residents of Franklin County. When Columbus hosted in 2010, NAGAAA invested \$45,000 to renovate Tuttle Park transforming the former lot to a viable park that has become the home of the CLGSA summer and fall leagues, as well as a community space; and

WHEREAS, Experience Columbus and GCSC project that NAGAAA will generate an estimated \$5 million in visitor spending. Having NAGAAA in the region will generate an estimated sales and bed tax benefit of \$119,000 going directly to Franklin County and its residents, and 4600 equivalent room nights for the region's hoteliers; and

WHEREAS, there will be a direct benefit to Franklin County charitable activities as a result of this event. In 2010 when Columbus hosted, NAGAAA donated \$20,000 to local charities and sports organizations across the country; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County working with its partners Columbus 2020, Experience Columbus, and other central Ohio counties, municipalities and organizations will seize upon this opportunity to promote central Ohio and Franklin County as an excellent location for new business; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Franklin County will have the opportunity to attend the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series at Lou Berliner Park. Roughly 180 teams (2,700 participants) are expected to participate in 9 nine days of events, which include the Winter Meeting, Summer Meeting, opening ceremonies, a five-day multi-division tournament, community events and the closing ceremonies; and

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WHEREAS, The County desires to support the NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series on behalf of all Franklin County residents and thereby enters into agreement with GCSC, authorized pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.692 and 307.693; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$15,000 is hereby authorized from the unappropriated cash balance as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #1691):

TRANSFER FROM:	Amount
Community Partnerships/General/Grants	\$15,000
Fund 1000	

TRANSFER TO:	
Economic Development & Planning/General/Grants	\$15,000
Fund 1000	

2. That the attached purchase order, which is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List and the attached agreement between GCSC and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of March 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015, are hereby approved.

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